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My dear Mrs. Llayros,

I am very sorry to learn from your letter received this evening that you have been unwell & cannot have the change which is recommended for you. It is too late to post a registered letter tonight; but tomorrow I will dispatch this with my cheque for the amount of your pension in advance; and would gladly make the advance larger if that would enable you to get the change you ought to have. The glasses will be made for you at once & I will have them packed in readiness to go to whatever address you indicate. I would in no wise entrust them to the post.

Many thanks for ~~the~~ your kind offer of a copy of your miniature portrait of your brother. I should of course be delighted to receive it; but you must not let it be done at any pressure or inconvenience to your son, whom I presume to be the intended copyist, & who is doubtless fully occupied. I prize very highly the little oil sketch which he made from the mask; it is a triumph of light & shade arranged to poetic advantage.

My family join me in kindest
regards to you. They are all well. I
am happy to say & wish I could
say the same for myself in answer
to your enquiry. We had been
back from the seaside some 3 or 4
weeks; & although I got a good deal
of benefit from the rest & change
I dread fear I shall have to go
away (abroad) again for the
winter.

I enclose a prospectus of your
brother's works; & am reckoning on
the pleasure of presenting you with the
volumes in a few weeks. Strange to
say, I do not find the least interest
or curiosity in what the outside world
may say of my books. They are to me
children of the brain, & have grown
years; but now it will strike
you interest me deeply.

Believe me to be
dear Miss Lamb
Yours always sincerely
W.M.F.

Please let me hear on the
arrival of the cheque (£20)